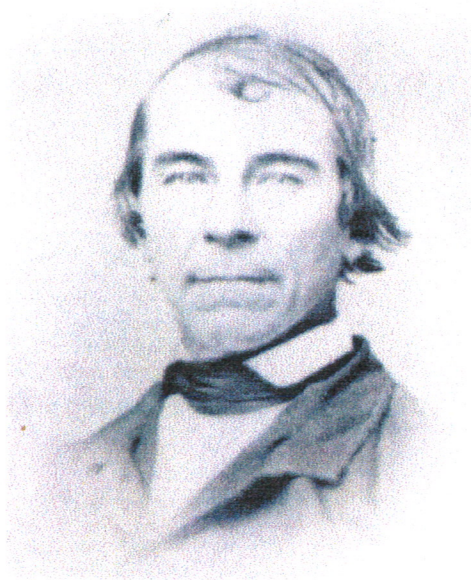


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The Hugh Forgey and Elizabeth Wray family



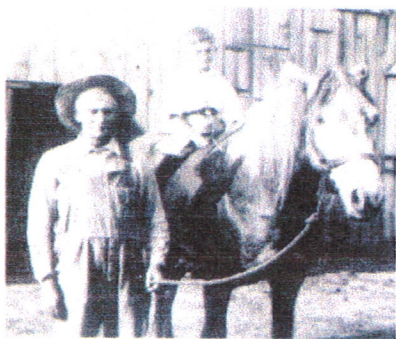
Hugh Forgey



Elizabeth Jane Forgey



Leander & Agnes Jane Forgey



William Wray Forgey & Nell



Sarah Ellen George



Gladys, Agnes, James E., Ruth, Leander, & John Forgey - 1900



W.R. "Red" Forgey



Red Forgey



William Riley & Nell Forgey



Alfred Lowell "Peck" & Patricia,
Angie & Randy Forgey

1873

The second regular meeting of the Brownstown Township Teachers' Institute met at White River Academy, Saturday, Nov. 8, 1873, and was called to order at 9½ o'clock A. M., by the President, Prof. G. W. Fitch. The roll was called with the following result:

TEACHERS.

District No. 1—Absent.
 " " 2—Absent.
 " " 3—Absent.
 " " 4—Absent—sickness.
 " " 5—Louis Heller.
 " " 6—Miss Sophia Douglass.
 " " 7—Wm. E. Carr.
 " " 8—Baker J. Myers—½ day.
 " " 9—James W. Waskom.
 " " 10—Wm. H. Bower.
 " " 11—Thos. W. Herron.
 " " 12—John L. Trisler.
 " " 13—Eli W. Bower.
 " " 14—Philip Gossman.
 Township Trustee—Wm. Frysinger.
 Town of Brownstown—G. W. Fitch, Mrs. G. W. Fitch, and Miss Lydia Ayers.
 Hamilton Township—John W. Davis.

STUDENTS.

Miss Melissa Keller, Miss Jennie Hamilton, Miss Georgia Gitson, Miss Minnie Shiel, Miss Rhettie Douglass, Miss Kate Addings, Miss Ella Braden, Miss Sarah E. Forgey, Matthew Hamilton, George Hamilton, Edmond Robertson, and James B. Hamilton.

During the day recitations in Grammar, Word Method, Map Drawing, Physiology and History, were conducted, in all of which a lively interest was manifested.

1873

Bill Forgey has arrived home from Iowa, where he went early last spring. Boys do not always know what is the best for them. His father has and will do a good part by him, if he will settle down to studious life and habits. We hope his wild oats are all gone.

1878 Feb 28

Uncle Hugh Forgey assumed the responsibility a few weeks ago to discontinue his Banner, remarking that if his folks really couldn't do without it, as they had intimated, they might come in and subscribe for it themselves. And sure enough, now comes Mrs. Elizabeth Forgey, Hugh's "better half," and asks to have the Banner sent to her address. Mrs. Forgey is quite intelligent and fond of reading, and while she lives the Banner will wave over the Forgey mansion.

February 28, 1878

Freetown Facts and Fancies.

The Banner waves gloriously and six widows remain.

R. J. McNiece asks us to have him mustered into the Banner Legion. Thus she moves on.

We learn that Eugene Hart is talking up a music school (both vocal and instrumental) in our town.

Hugh Forgey has gone to Oregon to spend the summer. We hope Uncle Hugh may have a good time in his sojourn in that far-off clime.

Clever John Braden thinks any color, just so it is a sea green, will do for a yard gate. If he does not change the color of that gate and paint his yard fence we shall mark him off our book.

Jun 12 1879

A Rather Mixed Case.

John Taylor, who lived between Brownstown and Freetown, lately concluded to emigrate to Kansas. So he, with his family, goods and chattels, pulled up stakes and came here and chartered a through car. After the arrival of the goods Messrs. Forgey and Spray came over and had an attachment issued against the goods and stopped them. Silas Taylor then came to the front, claiming the goods as his, saying he had purchased them in good faith. This version of the story being given the attachment was withdrawn, and Forgey and Spray had Constable White levy upon the goods to satisfy claims which they held. Silas Taylor, still insisting that the goods were his, brought a replevin suit against Constable White. The case was tried before Esquire Reeves Friday, and after hearing all the evidence he returned the goods to White, claiming that he believed there was more or less fraud in the pretended original sale. Notice was given that an appeal would be taken. It is said to be a case of considerable importance.

March 4 1880

Uncle Hugh A. Forgey gave us a cordial social call, and while in paid for the Banner and happiness for the year ending February 21, 1883. Mr. Forgey is conducting the James Mann tannery, near Freetown, and is doing a thrifty business.

Mar 23 1882

Free-town Facts and Fancies.

Votes were above par here.

D. H. George is peddling organs for Roger Williams.

Henry S. Prather will soon be a citizen of Free-town.

Sam Braden rejoiceth much, all because it's a girl, and he is pap for the first time.

Hugh Forgey will go to Arkansas this week for his health. We hope he may return much improved.

Mr. Duease and his sister of Missouri have been visiting at Alex. and Luther Highnote's the past week.

Leander Reedy (better known as Dick Reedy) on last Sunday agreed to disagree, pulled up stakes and played quits. What the trouble was we did

Nov 9 1882

Death of a Well-Known Citizen.

The death of Hugh A. Forgey, an old and estimable citizen of this township, has occasioned profound sorrow. Mr. Forgey had been in ill health for some time, and in hopes of deriving benefit went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, about one month ago. The change did him no good, and his affliction increased in severity until Wednesday of last week, when he breathed his last. His remains were brought home for interment.

Mr. Forgey was a man of strict integrity and a good and useful citizen. He leaves a wife and several children. His age was about 67 years.

Pleasant Grove Gruel.

Frank Heiman is quite sick at this time.

Dixon Myers' mother is still lying at the point of death.

Miss Eva Stilwell of Brownstown is at home on a brief visit.

Miss Lizzie Klewitz is on a brief visit with friends near Vallonia.

John Heiman will commence gathering corn about Christmas.

Leander Jackson and Dr. Cornett are building a barn near Spraytown.

Last Thursday Bruce Parker delivered a coffee sack full of mail to his neighbors.

Miss Minnie Klewitz is taking music lessons with Rev. Thos. Harrison of Brownstown.

If Facts and Fancies knows so well where Will Forgey went, could he tell of the whereabouts of Louis Jackson.

Dec 11 1884

Pleasant Grove Gruel.

Wheat is looking well.

Corn is about all cribbed.

Our school is nearly half out.

Will Forgey is visiting friends in Illinois.

Geo. W. Hays departed for Ohio last Thursday.

Allen Pfennig is now doing farm work for Fred Garris.

Gus. B. Stilwell talks of moving to Seymour next spring.

Apr 9 1885

Will **Forgey**, a good-looking young man, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Forgey, of the Freetown neighborhood, called in and made a deposit of two dollars in the Banner Bank, for which she will receive the Banner and the Chicago Weekly News one year.

Apr 9 1885

THE BEST PLACE TO
Get a Good Watch Repaired,
 SECOND ST., SEYMOUR, IND.

Freetown Facts and Fancies.

William **Forgey** is again on the sunny banks of Salt Creek.....The sad news reached us last week that Brother Rumbler was on the sick list.....John Brock sold a team of horses, wagon and harness to Jake Lucas for \$150. Then bought a team and harness for \$225.

Jan 15 1885

Leander Forgey is another one of our goaheadative farmers. He commenced in the brush and has cleared nearly 100 acres in eight years.

There was a social party of old folks

1885 Mar 5

Pleasant Grove Gruel.

A threshing machine is wanted in this community now.

The yield and quality of hay on Otto Browning's large meadow is good.

John Parker has concluded to go to school this winter and next summer.

The extreme hot weather during oats harvest drove several harvest hands to the shade.

J. W. Hays and John Myers visited J. B. Wheeler of Cortland last Saturday night.

Cornelius Heller and lady, of near Brownstown, visited Gus. B. Stilwell last Sabbath.

Miss Massie Hays was the guest of Miss Ida Claycamp of Spunky Point last Sabbath.

Quite a jubilant fishing party, headed by **Will Forgey**, made war on the finny tribe last Thursday night.

The latest report is that John McNiece is about to trade for a part of the

Jul 30 1885

not settled yet. There are so many crooks in law that some of the victims of that infamous swindle are still kept in suspense.....Richard McNiece last week shipped a car load of fat hogs.....Curt Robertson, of near Cortland, visited in Nathan Browning's family last Sunday.....Will Forgey is fixing up to take in fox scalps. He has several fast hounds now in training.

May 5 1887

Freetown Facts and Fancies.

Jake Lucas went to Ewing last week to work for Bill Ewing.

Bennett & Glover finished threshing in this vicinity last week.

Jackson Brothers have the contract for erecting a house for Arthur Braden.

Rev. Ross preached his farewell sermon at the M. E. Church on Sunday last.

Mrs. Hodapp and Mrs. Swain, of Seymour, were visiting in the family of J. M. George a part of last week.

Leander Forgey had a new wood house erected on his premises last week, which adds greatly to his surroundings.

James Cordry has started up his sorghum factory, and is giving good satisfaction, both in quantity and quality of his make.

Frank Manuel was arrested one day last week and bound over in a bond of three hundred dollars for an assault on Miss Deli McElfresh.

Leander Forgey sold 34 head of fine stock hogs to Barney Labruian for \$3.75 per hundred. Mr. Forgey is one of the most successful farmers.

Sep 8 1887

Pleasant Grove Gruel.

Aunt Tablitha Cornett is quite sick... Billy Allman had a brush-grubbing frolic last Thursday. He is clearing off several acres of new ground... Leander Forgey has been quite sick with an ailment acting much like brain fever. He is now getting better..... There is considerable sickness in this vicinity just now. We learn with much regret that Mrs. Jehu Little is down sick, with but little prospect of her recovery. Also little Maggie Helman is quite ill and under the care of Dr. Kyte, of Cortland.

PLEASANT GROVE.

O. K. Stilwell is helping to run the Acton threshing machine.

Leander Forgey had nearly 400 bushels of wheat.

Most all the farmers are nearly done breaking for wheat.

Frank Shine and Correll Holtz came near eyebrowing last Saturday.

The picnic at Spunky Point was thinly attended.

Aug 29 1889

Will Forgey is at home after a two years' view of the far West.

Many persons think it a good idea to repair the church and surroundings, and then get an organ. We believe that is the proper course.

Apr 17 1890

Married, last Saturday, at the residence of Rev. H. Jackson, Wm. Forgey and Miss Isis Browning. May peace and happiness attend them all the way along life's journey, is the wish of ye scribe.

Jul 3 1890

Call on S. W. Shields, the oldest established dentist in Jackson county, for your dental work.

Mrs. Parker arrived home last Saturday from a pleasant visit with friends at Tunnelton.

Born, to Leander Forgey and wife, May 24th, a son. This makes five boys for Leander right endways which is a record to be proud of and we doubt if it can be easily beaten.

May 29 1890

FREETOWN.

"Poor Fanny's dead."

Everybody remember the basket festival, next Saturday, May 23rd.

"Uncle Jimmy" Manuel, of Beck's Grove, is visiting his son, Dr. G. Manuel, at this place.

Wilburn Acton is buying bark from the "tan-bark peelers of Salt Creek," and is shipping the same.

Mrs. Nan Smith has purchased a small farm of Charles Rains and has moved on to the same.

Wm. Forgey, wife and babe of Kurtz neighborhood, visited his mother, Mrs. Robert McMillan, over Sunday.

May 21 1891

Wm. Forgey, of Kurtz, has purchased the old homestead near here, and will take possession of the same this week.

Lawrence Denny and Geary Lucas made another of their frequent visits to the Cortland neighborhood on Sunday night.

Rev. Hall was called to Clear Spring on Monday, to conduct the funeral services of Father Hegwood, who died on Sunday.

May 2 1895

Leander Forgey has a new patent for husking and tying up shock corn these dry times. Late in the evening he sprays the shocks copiously and by morning they are in fine condition. Now, farmers, if you have plenty of water, don't wait any longer.

A very distinct earthquake shock was felt here last Thursday morning. It was so distinct that we felt like taking our family outside the house for safety. Our oldest inhabitants say they haven't known such a weaving and rocking of mother earth in a period of 42 years.

1895

Claud Mayfield, a young gentleman of Horse Cave, Kentucky, and one of Miss Massie Hays' best friends, was her guest last Thursday, making the stop off while on his journey to the West.

In a trade John Kerner secured a good span of mules from Will Forgey last week. He purchased a young horse from Bert Kerner also. He drove through for home the fore part of the week.

May 5 1896

Mat Kerner and Leander Forgey were hunting the other night for any kind of game that might come in their path. They surmised that they heard a peculiar noise on a large oak tree. They cut it down and found a cluster of frogs of the long legged species. They then returned home rather out of sorts.

Jul 2 1896

Will Forgey explored the slash last week for blackberries but came back disappointed.

Eli W. Miller and Sherman Allen of Ewing, drove over to Red Brush last Saturday on business.

July 2 1896

In shucking almost 2,000 bushels of corn, John Bultman found only one red ear. This seems odd and perhaps is a sign that John's next find will be a wife. Let us hope so.

Leander Forgey took his little son, whose arm was broken last November, to some Indianapolis surgeons last week with the hope of having the member restored or reset.

Feb 6 1896

Kurtz Kaleidoscope.

Prof. Browning, of Clear Spring, was here Sunday.

John Bryant made a business trip to Bedford, Saturday.

Mrs. Margaret Womack spent Sunday at Norman with her daughter.

Wm. Forgey and family visited his father-in-law, Dick Browning, Sunday.

Several from Brownstown attended the Masonic lodge here Saturday night.

Virgil Cummings has moved here.

Sep 14 1899

Freetown Facts And Fancies.

SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP.

Miss Edna Cross has returned to Azalia, where she will stay for several months.

J. H. Matlock, of Indianapolis, came down last Wednesday to look after his beech grove Jersey farm.

Born, to "Bud" Walters and wife, February 8th, a boy. "Bud" won't toll our wheat now for two weeks.

Born, to J. O. Spurgeon and wife, February 10th, a 12½ pound girl. John can't go out electioneering now.

"Whig" Tinch has purchased W. A. Lucas' town property and about one acre of ground. Consideration, \$400.

Miss Miranda Spurgeon has accepted a position in Brock's store. Etta Beatson has taken her place in the Enterprise office.

It is reported as facts that William ("Spud") Forgey and Dan George will open up a furniture and undertaking establishment here in the near future.

If Brother Hummer will come over in old Salt Creek, we will spare him a few silver nose ornaments that want

Feb 14 1900

Freetown Facts And Fancies.

SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP.

Rev. Teiman occupied the U. B. pulpit here Sunday night.

Charley Lucas' condition has been much worse the past few days.

Born, to Charles Spurgeon and wife, September 18, 1900, a ten-pound boy.

Mrs. Will Forgey and little daughter Edna, have another attack of diphtheria.

Sep 17 1900

Freetown Facts And Fancies.

On account of the shortness of the hay crop, there is more corn being cut up and put in shock than ever was known in this part of the county before.

The Joslin girls, who have been so low with typhoid fever, are both reported to be improving and from under the doctor's care.

Louis Smith has his sorghum factory in operation and is prepared to make your "lasses."

Will (Spad) Forgey informs us that one of his gray mares got her leg broken, in the pasture the other night, from some unknown cause, and he had to have her killed.

The household goods of Rev. W. F. F. Smith, the new M. E. preacher, arrived here Saturday by freight, but

Will (Spud) Forgey has been suffering the past two weeks with a severe attack of heart trouble. Dr. Cummings, of Brownstown, is giving him treatment.

Some of Mrs. Elia Poor's friends gave her quite a surprise at high noon last Friday, by going in on her with well filled baskets and reminded her of her thirty-first birthday. She took it all as a good joke.

Mar 7 1901

"Spud" Forgey, who has been quite sick, is reported better.

A number of our young folks spent Sunday with friends at Kurtz.

We are glad to see several of our people putting out shade trees. It will add greatly to the place.

March 14 1901

Cline, son of Leander Forgey, who had his arm broken about three years ago, met with another painful accident the other night by a horse falling down with him, almost causing him to lose his life. He was unconscious for several hours. Dr. Kennedy was called who dressed his wounds and rendered assistance and at last reports he was getting along as well as could be expected.

1901

Leanler **Forgy** has two children sick with spinal meningitis.

Dale Robertson is at Cincinnati having his eyes treated by a specialist.

Curg Lyster, of Vallonia, was here sowing his farm in clover seed last week.

Prof. J. W. Browning, of Clear Spring, was a business visitor here over Sunday.

The strike has been laid up for a few

Frank Kerner sold his buggy mare last Saturday to Fred Garis, of Pleasant Grove.

Will (Spud) **Forgey** bought a fine mare, of J. B. Cross, of near Houston, for which he paid a good price.

Wheat is looking well and it looks as though we are going to have a good crop.

After a week's pleasant visit here with her relatives, Mrs. Edna Pheasant returned to her home in Jefferson county Saturday accompanied by her

Mar 19 1902

Will "Spud" **Forgey** informs us that himself and wife had a fine eleven pound son come to their home a few evening ago, but did not tell the date. John Kerner will move his family in

March 19 1903

D. H. George and wife went to Freetown last Wednesday to attend the funeral of a little child belonging to Wm. **Forgey** and wife.

Dec 13 1903 Actually this was a child of Leander and Agnes

Freetown Facts And Fancies.

SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP.

Will Mohr and wife and son visited relatives at Bedford Sunday.

We notice in our rambles that Will (Spud) **Forgey** has built an addition to his residence.

The many friends at this place are sorry to hear of the serious condition of Martin L. Weekly, of Spraytown, who had a severe stroke of paralysis Friday.

Mary 18 1904

Emil Cross and Miss Edith Church visited in Auditor A. H. Manuel's family at Brownstown, Monday.

Wm. (Red) Forgey has opened up a barber shop in his new building, which he has just finished near the depot.

Quite a number from here attended the all-day Holiness meeting at Spraytown Thanksgiving and all report a

Sep 30 1904

A. Pheasant.

Born, to Will (Spud) Forgey and wife Saturday, July 29, 1905, fine girl.

J. H. Matlock and wife and B. F. Price and wife, of Seymour, came out and spent Sunday on Mr. Matlock's farm.

Aug 2 1905

Will (Spud) Forgey, is getting the material on the ground to build a new barn in the place of the one that was recently struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

We noticed among those from a distance who attended the Freetown normal reunion Saturday, Miss Mary Vancleave and sister Tillie, of Tunnelton. Other places in the county were well represented.

Sep 13 1905

Freetown Facts And Fancies.

SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP.

Chas. Acton, of Bedford, spent two days of last week with home folks.

Abner Walters and family moved to Sullivan last week. Mr. Walters was one of our best citizens and we regret to lose him.

Clyde Forgey and brother John went to Indianapolis last week. The latter to continue his studies at the school for deaf and dumb pupils.

Jas Smith was taken sick the first of last week and is still confined to his bed with a mild case of typhoid fever.

1906

Mona Marie, little daughter of Wm. Forgey, died Sunday night, aged one year, two months and nine days. The remains were laid to rest in the new cemetery. The parents have the sympathy of their many friends in their hour of grief.

Oct 10 1906

Freetown Facts And Fancies

SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP.

S. Z. Cross and wife spent Thursday of last week visiting friends in Freetown. They are well pleased with their home near Seymour.

Albert DeLong and wife visited relatives at Cortland Wednesday night of last week.

Leander **Forgey** has been in a very critical condition the past week with pneumonia fever. At present he is resting easier, but is still dangerously low.

A small child of Ruben Lacy died the fore part of last week and was buried at Acme.

Jan 16 1907

Mrs. Mollie Owens, of Medora, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Kate Stillwell.

Mrs. Iola **Forgey** is getting weaker every day and unless there is a change for the better soon, she can not live long.

The cold snap caught several of our neighbors with but little wood. Remember the old saying: "In time of peace, prepare for war."

Feb 5 1908

ing a serious wound.

Rev. Frank Reynolds went to Rockford Saturday to assist in a meeting at that place.

The many friends of Mrs. Isle **Forgey** are pained to learn that she is getting worse with but slight hopes of recovery.

Robert Cockerham has a large force of hands working in timber on Andrew

Jan 22 1908

OBITUARY. Died Feb. 7, 1908

After a long siege of sickness and suffering with that dread disease, consumption, death came to relieve Isis Forgey of the trials of this life. Her demise occurred last Friday night, Feb. 7th. Isis Forgey was the daughter of Richard W. and Mary A. Brownink, and was born Nov. 27, 1869. She was united in marriage to William Forgey June 23, 1890. To this union were born six children, one of whom preceded her to the grave. She united with the Methodist church when thirteen years of age and lived a christian life until death. She was a devoted wife, a kind and loving mother, and a friend to all she met. Her funeral was held in the M. E. church last Sunday at 11 o'clock, Rev. Machlan officiating. No better evidence of the purity of her soul could be produced than a very touching letter she wrote November 25, 1907, in which she expressed her implicit faith in Christ and wished to meet all her relatives and friends on the banks of the New Jerusalem and clasp the hand of everyone who is near and dear to her in this world; she wrote tenderly of the future life of her husband and children asking her friends to speak kind and cheering words to them and put out a hand to check them should they drift away and forget their mothers' advise and teaching. In this letter she also minutely made known all her desires as to her funeral arrangements, which were carried out so far as possible.

Cornett Grove.

SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP.

J. M. Fleetwood has been repairing the gravel roads the past week.

Wm. Forgey and son Charley, of Pleasant Grove, were here last week working on their farm.

Miss Jessie Holmes, of Houston, visited her aunt, Mrs. M. E. Lutes, and family Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Flossa Callahan, who has been sick the past two weeks, is able to be up again.

May 19 1909

GEORGE—Mrs. Sarah E. George, wife of D. H. George, of Crothersville, died April 21, 1910, in the St. Joseph hospital in Louisville, where she had undergone a surgical operation. She was born at Freetown, Ind., October 9, 1853, making her age 56 years, 6 months and 12 days. Her maiden name was Forgey, and she was united in marriage to D. H. George in 1877. For a number of years they resided at Clearspring, moving from thence to Waymansville, thence to Crothersville. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, four sons and one daughter, viz: Eugene and Finley, both of whom live in Terre Haute; Hugh, of Norfolk, Va.; Harry, who lived at home, and Mrs. Nora Fountain, of Browstown. She also leaves two brothers at Freetown and two sisters in the west, besides a host of friends, for to know her was to love her. She was a kind and loving companion, a devoted mother and a good neighbor.

She was a member of the Crothersville Baptist church, in which she was an earnest worker and was present at all the services unless prevented by sickness. At the age of twenty-six, while living at Clearspring, she professed faith in Christ and ever since lived a devoted christian life. She was also a member of the Eastern Star lodge of Crothersville, and although a member but a short time she loved the Order and its members.

Her aim in life was to be an example for her children, to lead the unconverted to Christ and to administer to the comfort of others; just before her death, and while in great suffering, she asked her husband to step into an adjoining room and see if he could not help a poor woman, who seemed to be in great pain.

In her death the husband and children have lost a devoted companion and loving mother, the church a perfect jewel, and the Eastern Star lodge an exemplary member.

The funeral services under the auspices of the Eastern Star were held at the Baptist church in Crothersville Sunday, April 24, at 1 o'clock p. m., Rev. J. S. Arvin officiating, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Crothersville cemetery.

Apr 27 1910

CLINE W. FORGEY

Real Estate and Insurance
General Insurance and Real
Estate. Have Farm and Town
Property for sale or exchange.
Am a Notary Public, write deeds
mortgages, ect. Call and see me,
will treat you right.

FREETOWN, IND.

Dec 13 1911

Cornett Grove.

SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP.

J. M. Fleetwood was at Terre Haute
Saturday on business.

Marcus Lutes and family, of Houston,
visited Meedy Lutes and family Sunday.

Earl Fleetwood, of Seymour, visited
his parents at this place from Saturday
until Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Elmore visited her sister,
Mrs. Newt Martin, near Kurtz Sunday,
who is suffering severely from a can-
cer.

Edna Forgey and brothers, Charley
and Claude, of Freetown, visited their
aunt, Mrs. Addie Cummings, Saturday
and Sunday.

June 18 1913

Ed Stone and wife, of Vincennes, have been visiting Isaac Smith and other relatives here.

W. R. Forgey lost a valuable bird dog last Thursday, which was supposed to have been poisoned.

There will be a double-header basket ball game here November 1st; Freetown vs. Crothersville and Clearspring

Oct 29 1913

Mrs. Martha Hudson and son John, of Bedford, are here visiting friends and relatives.

Clair Forgey was taken quite sick one day last week and at present is not much improved.

Jason Lucy and wife, of Columbus, are visiting the latter's parents, Jas. I. Wheeler and wife.

Jun 3 1914

Gary and Annis Cross spent Sunday with their brother Thomas and family near Surprise.

Roy Jackson and Charley Forgey, of near Freetown, are working for Ford Lutes and John Persinger.

The mixed ball team from Honey-

Jun 16 1915

Mrs. Mary Kerner was taken sick Sunday with stomach trouble. Dr. Heller was called and she is some 'better at this writing.

The box supper Friday night was a grand success. Miss Edna Forgey received the cake for the best looking girl. The proceeds amounted to \$15.75.

No use to try and wear out your cold

Mar 17 1915

Clare Forgey, who drives A. M. Browning's huxter wagon, was taken ill one day last week and for a time his condition was very serious. Dr. Cummings was called to his aid and at this writing he is much better.

Mrs. George Holtz went to Seymour Friday, where she will be the guest of Mrs. A. G. Kyte for a day or two. Mrs. Kyte will start in a few days to Mercedes, Texas, where she will meet her husband. They will make their future

Jul 26 1916

Hobson Hill Hash

BROWNSTOWN TOWNSHIP.

The growing wheat is looking fine.

William Koontz is digging a cellar under his dwelling.

The high water did much damage to our gravel roads.

Ralph Stillwell purchased a pony of Chas. Durham; consideration, \$50.

Miss Edna and George Forgey are confined to their room with the grip.

Mrs. Rose Jackson has been on the sick list, but is better at this writing.

Jan 26 1916

ment.

Mrs. George T. Manuel went to Indianapolis Saturday to spend a few days.

Clair Forgey and wife moved to Surprise Monday where he has employment.

Dr. Carmichael, of Waleaboro, was called Sunday to see Eli Bower, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Susan Lucas of Brownstown

May 10 1916

Frank Wheeler and wife, Chris Tabor and family, John Sprague and family, Will Forgey and wife and Wilburn Lutes and family motored to Madison Sunday.

All members of the M. E. Sunday

1916 Aug 30

Dr. Orville Spurgeon, of Muncie, and brother took dinner with Roxena Chute and mother Monday.

Clair **Forgey**, who moved into the Chas. Lockman property Wednesday, is employed in O. F. Brewer's store.

Jacob Bickley and daughter Dora, went to Indianapolis Tuesday to spend a few days with John Wilcox and wife.

Herschel Denny, of Spencer, Conn.

May 17 1917

Louis Bauerly, of Jennings county, was here Sunday looking after a lawsuit pending between himself and wife, which is filed in the circuit court at Brownstown.

Clair **Forgey**, who has been driving A. M. Browning's huxter wagon, moved to Freetown last week, and will work in the flouring mill. Mr. Browning regrets to lose him, as he was a trustworthy man.

May 17 1917

Obituary.

The funeral of John Forgey, son of Leander Forgey and wife, was held at the U. B. church Monday at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. McCoy officiating.

Deceased was a son of Leander and Agnes Forgey; born May 24, 1890, and died October 5, 1918, aged 28 years, three months and 11 days. John was the fifth of eleven children, two of whom preceded him to the grave. One brother and one sister. Leaving a father, mother, four brothers, four sisters and a host of friends to mourn his death. John was stricken deaf at the age of nine years. He started to school one year later at "The Institution for the Deaf," at Indianapolis, where he proved himself a very able scholar. He learned the printers trade, while at school and worked at it at Shelbyville and Indianapolis for about two and one-half years. In the spring of 1912 he went west where he has spent the last six years of his life.

In the winter of 1918 while at Cascade Idaho, he contracted the dread disease, tuberculosis. He returned home July 15, where he has lingered under the care of devoted parents, brothers, sisters and friends until death.

The relatives have the deep sympathy of our community in their sorrow.

1918 Oct

Claire Forgey, who has employment with A. M. Browning, visited his family at Freetown Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. John Simmonds accidentally

Apr 26 1919

"Eupha Forgey, daughter of Hugh and Delila Forgey, was born Nov. 3, 1839, in Jackson county, Ind., where she lived until grown. On Oct. 21, 1858, she became the wife of Jacob Cross. About ten years after their marriage they moved to Iowa and established their home in the Urbana vicinity. Mrs. Cross became a member of the Methodist church when a young woman. Her husband preceded her in death Nov. 19, 1905. After a few weeks' illness she died at the home of her son, C. L. Cross in Urbana, at the age of 80 years, one

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month and 27 days.

"She leaves to mourn her departure ten children: Mary Sonsedine, Oakland, Cal.; Effie Soper, Cocanut Grove, Fla.; Hettie Cook, Platte, S. D.; Elsie Mossman, Jesup, Iowa; Ethel Jarrett, Hazelton, Iowa; U. S. of Cedar Rapids; Lee Frederick, of Okla.; C. L. Hayden and Chas. of Urbana, Iowa.

"The funeral was held at 1:30 Wednesday at the M. E. church conducted by Rev. Chamberlain. Interment was in Urbana cemetery. She died Monday morning at 6:30. Three daughters and all the sons except one were present at the funeral. Lee Frederick failed to make connections to get here in time, but arrived the evening of the funeral."

Dec 10 1919

Obituary.

Mary Ann (Callahan) Browning, daughter of Jesse and Eva Callahan, was born near Kurtz, Ind., Feb. 17, 1830, and departed this life Dec. 19, 1919, aged 89 years, 10 months and two days.

She was united in marriage May 27, 1855, to Richard W. Browning, who preceded her to the great beyond Dec. 4, 1901. To this union were born five children, Mrs. Jane Weaver, Jesse, James, Mrs. Adeline Cummings, with whom she resided, and Mrs. Isis Forgey, of whom only Jas. and Adeline remain to mourn the loss; also eleven grandchildren, thirty-seven great grandchildren and one great-great-grand child, and two step sons, William and John.

She affiliated with the M. E. church when young and became a charter member of her mother church at Kurtz, when it was organized.

She repeated during her illness that all she regretted to depart this life was to leave her folks, especially the daughter with whom she made her home, who was so loving and kind to her during her long illness.

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BUREAU

FREETOWN.

Pershing Township

Cline **Forgey** purchased a new car last week to use in his canvassing work.

Jason Lacy and wife, of Columbus, spent Sunday with Jas. Wheeler and family.

Clifford Wayt returned home last week from overseas, looking and feeling fine.

George Wheeler and wife, visited in the home of their son, Frank Wheeler, last Sunday.

Several from here are making preparations to attend the big automobile race at Indianapolis next Saturday.

Clair **Forgey** has purchased property in the east end of town and will erect a dwelling house this summer. The town needs several new residences and we are glad to see new ones built.

May 28 1919

HOBSON HILL. Brownstown Township.

John Kerner has purchased a new auto.

George Akers lost his driving mare Monday.

Riley Holtz has been out of school on account of sickness.

L. V. Hall and family spent Sunday in Sam Braden's family.

School opened here Monday with Cline Forgey as teacher.

Miss Osie Stilwell was the guest of Miss Opal Shales at Norman Station Sunday.

Ralph Stilwell visited relatives and

Sep 24 1919

The Seymour company contended that their increased rates were justified by the fact that while the city patrons had the privilege of talking with 750 patrons through the connection of mutual lines, on the other hand the farmers had connection with almost 3000 phones by means of the Seymour exchange and other systems connected with it. The company also contended that the farmers rates were less in proportion than that paid by city patrons.

Among those who testified for the farmers lines were John Q. and Ollie Foster, of Vernon township, Cline Forgey, of Freetown, and O. V. Starr owner of the Medora system.

1920

Orville Engle went to Ft. Benjamin Harrison Friday to get his discharge from the army and returned home Sunday.

Cline Forgey, our school teacher, dismissed school last week on account of so many of his pupils having the measles.

Dave Eller, while looking at a farm near Medora Monday, killed a copper

Feb 11 1920

Among those who testified for the farmers lines were John Q. and Ollie Foster, of Vernon township, Cline Forgey, of Freetown, and O. V. Starr owner of the Medora system.

The same increase that was granted the Seymour company against the rural lines running in there, was also
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Feb 25 1920

Cline Forgey and a force of hands have been repairing telephone lines during the past few weeks and are making a great improvement in the appearance of the system.

We certainly hope the oil boom that our brother correspondent from Hobson speaks about will materialize and throw us all into a frenzy of excitement and joy. We all welcome any news the brother may give us.

Jun 9 1920

of the term:

State vs. Wm. Forgey, selling cigarettes to minor; plea of guilty and defendant fined \$10 and costs.

State vs. Kate Forgey, selling cigarettes to minor; dismissed on motion of prosecuting attorney.

State vs. George Mitchell, selling

1921

When on her return home from Freetown Tuesday evening, where she had been shopping, Miss Carrie Forgey, daughter of Leander Forgey, met with a painful accident. The horse she was driving became frightened at an approaching wagon that had some brooms in it and started to run away. Miss Forgey jumped out of the buggy and in doing so badly sprained one of her ankles.

1921

Mrs. Dan Walker of Newcastle is the guest of her niece, Mrs. Roy Gilbert.

Sunday school report: M. E., 34; collection, \$1.42. U. B., 41; collection, 97 cents.

Miss Myrtle Spray visited her sister, Mrs. Ruby Weekly, at Freetown last week.

James Forgey, who has had typhoid fever for several weeks, is thought to be improving.

Miss Maye Fleenor entertained several of her lady friends at Acme Sunday afternoon.

Our road superintendent was out with scrapers last week leveling up the roads in this vicinity.

Rev. W. DeHart's protracted meeting at the M. E. church is progress-

1922

The July Fourth celebration was well attended here Tuesday. Following is a list of those winning prizes: fattest baby, Leroy Forgey; youngest baby, Ernest Burnside; oldest soldier, Jacob Bickley, 81 years; oldest married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kindred; sack race, 1st prize, David Whittidge; 2nd, Clyde Edwards; wheelbarrow race, 1st, Earl Bowman; 2nd, Joe Lucas; best driving horse, Lloyd Spurgeon; best choir, Freetown Christian church.

July 4 1922

HOBSON HILL

Brownstown Township.

Ye scribe spent Sunday with friends on Hampton's Creek.

Some of our ball fans took in the game at Freetown Sunday.

Our telephone line has been out of commissions for several days.

Carl Myers of Bedford spent the past week here with relatives.

Dick Forgey went to Detroit, Mich., Monday to visit his brother, Claude.

Mrs. Rose Jackson has been on the sick list but is better at this writing.

Mr. and rs. Dan McElfresh of Martin's Grove called on friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Emmons and Miss Nuna

Aug 1 1923

HOBSON HILL

Brownstown Township.

The continued wet weather is delaying the farmers with their work.

Lew White and family of Pleasant Grove visited relatives here Friday.

Elijah Hendershot of near Freetown visited relatives here Monday.

Joe McOsker and Mrs. Osie Martin of Brownstown visited relatives here Friday.

Jerry McOsker and family of Brownstown visited relatives here Thursday.

Mrs. Adda Lockman and son Jim of Pleasant Grove visited relatives here Sunday.

Dick Forgey, who has been in the West for the past nine years, is here visiting relatives and friends.

Floyd Emmons and wife of Browns-

Jul 4 1923

FREETOWN

Pershing Township.

Mrs. Chester Spurgeon is on the sick list.

Miss Marie Callahan is visiting her parents.

Rodman Pruitt was on the sick list last week.

Damon Garr, is confined to his room with the flu.

Rev. Torry filled the pulpit at the M. E. church Sunday night.

George **Forgey**, who is working in Michigan, is visiting home folks.

Mrs. Ofa Westfall of Odon is visiting M. V. Winklepleck and family.

Mrs. Anna Stogdill is visiting her

Dec 19 1923

DISAPPEARED 14 YEARS AGO

(From Surprise Items)

The strange and mysterious disappearance of Henry Runge, a farmer of Hamilton township, twelve or fourteen years ago, was recalled last week in the Surprise neighborhood by the rumor that a woman from the Forgey neighborhood had said that the body of Henry Runge could be found in an old abandoned stock well in the hills west of Surprise.

A number of men from the Surprise neighborhood went to the designated spot to make an investigation. All the water was removed from the well and a careful search in the mud bottom was made, but no trace of the remains could be found and Henry Runge's sudden disappearance still remains among the unsolved mysteries.

At that time Mr. Runge was a well-known young farmer of that locality, about 30 years of age. He owned a small farm about 40 acres, but after losing one of his arms in a corn shredder he sold his farm. At the time of his disappearance it is thought that he had between \$300 and \$400 on his person, part of the proceeds of the sale of his farm.

The last seen or heard of him was in the hills west of Surprise.

When he did not return home at his usual time a general search was made and his relatives offered a reward for any information concerning his whereabouts, but no trace of him was ever found and it is generally believed that he met with foul play.

Many conflicting reports followed his mysterious disappearance from time to time, one of which was that he had been robbed and murdered and his body burned on a brush pile.

His relatives and friends followed every clue, but nothing definite could be learned that would help solve the mystery.

He was a brother of Fred and Henry Runge of Hamilton township.

Obituary

William W. Forgey, youngest son of Hugh and Elizabeth (Wray) Forgey, was born near Freetown, Indiana, May 18th, 1862, and departed this life December 20th, 1933, having attained the age of 71 years, 7 months, and 2 days.

On June 22, 1890, he was united in marriage to Isis Browning, who preceded him to the great beyond Feb. 7, 1904. To this union were born six children, Mrs. Inez B. McIntyre of Seymour, Cecil Claire, and Mrs. Rose Edna Denny of Freetown, Charles Lynn of Glendale, California, Claude A. of Detroit, Michigan, and Nona Marie, who passed away July 29, 1905.

On April 26, 1916, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Alice (Taylor) Winkler, who has been his helpmate until his death.

During a series of services in 1915 he united with the Christian church at Freetown and endeavored to exemplify the life of the Savior in his daily life.

Funeral services in charge of the Rev. Buchanan were conducted at the Christian church Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Burial in the Freetown cemetery.

1933

PLEASANT GROVE.

It is with the deepest of regret we note Mrs. Robert McMillan's sudden death last Friday the 19th instant after illness of a few days from a paralytic stroke of great force. She was a model woman who was held in highest esteem by all who knew her and an upright member of the Christian church. Interment took place at the Freetown cemetery last Saturday morning.

Mrs. Elizabeth McMillan, whose illness, resulting from a paralytic stroke we mentioned last week, was removed to her home, Thursday and died Friday. She was unconscious the greater part of the time from the time she received the stroke until death released her from her pain. Her remains were interred in the new cemetery here Saturday, by the side of her first husband, Hugh Forgey. She leaves a husband, two sons and a daughter, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. In her death our community has lost one of its esteemed citizens, and her loss will be keenly felt.

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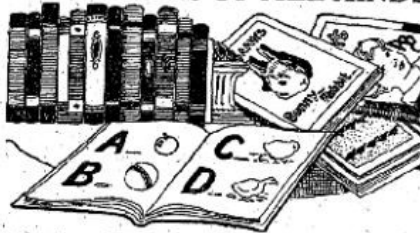


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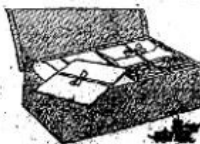


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